



Categorical Grants



Unfunded Mandate



Federal Grants as Incentives



No Federal funding

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Unfunded Mandate Strict and specific requirements



Very cheap for the federal government



Easy way for members of Congress to garner favor



State complain about unfairness and burdensome regulations

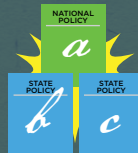


Undermines state cooperation

No Federal Influence No rules, or broad grants of power within programs



States have autonomy and pay for their own programs



Results in high diversity of policies, including inequality; promotes state competition and its outcomes



Calls for congressional and presidential restraint in exercising their powers



Unfunded Mandates *in real life:*

The No Child Left Behind Act of 2001 required that public schools administer state-wide standardized tests to students. If schools did not show yearly improvement on the tests, they had to take steps at their own expense to raise the quality of the education they provided.



No Federal Influence *in real life:*

Martin Luther King Jr. Day was established as a federal holiday (most federal employees get a paid day off) in 1968. But that was not binding on the states and a number resisted. It took until 2000 for all the states to recognize it, and some states used other names for a time, like "Civil Rights Day" (New Hampshire) or "Lee-Jackson-King Day" (Virginia).